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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission of
the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

ADOPTED

Community Development Commission

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH HOUSING STABILIZATION
PROJECT
(DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends the transfer of up to \$1,853,213 in County General Funds (CGF), allocated to the First Supervisorial District, to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Housing Stabilization Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that approval of funds for the TAY Housing Stabilization Project is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to reprogram \$1,853,213 in CGF, specifically Emergency Shelter Funds from the First Supervisorial District, previously allocated to the Salvation Army for its Family Housing Project in Santa Fe Springs, to be used for the TAY Housing Stabilization Project.
3. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to incorporate up to \$1,853,213 in CGF into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, for the purposes described herein.
4. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to transfer \$1,853,213 in CGF to LAHSA, which will then grant the funds to non-profit organizations selected through LAHSA's Request for Proposals

process to provide rental assistance and supportive services to homeless youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who have aged out of the foster care or probation system.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to transfer \$1,853,213 in CGF to LAHSA. These funds will then be granted to nonprofit organizations providing rental assistance and supportive services to Transition Age Youth. These services will assist youth in making a successful transition to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The actions described herein will be funded with a portion of the \$20,000,000 in CGF approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2005, to fund the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved allocating \$3,600,000 in CGF to each Supervisorial District with a ten percent administrative fee, in the total amount of \$2,000,000, reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA will reprogram \$1,853,213 in unexpended First Supervisorial District CGF from Salvation Army's Family Housing Project in Santa Fe Springs to the TAY Housing Stabilization Project to provide rental assistance and supportive services to assist transition age youth. Funds for this project will be incorporated into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to address the large numbers of homeless individuals and families and the corresponding critical shortage of beds in Los Angeles County, on June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$20,000,000 for the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Commission to administer the funding and oversee all of the projects. The Board also instituted a method by which each Board office selects recipients of the funds based on agency experience and the need for homeless services in the community, among other considerations.

On July 8, 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of \$1,853,213 in First District CGF for construction and operations costs associated with the Salvation Army's Family Housing Project in Santa Fe Springs. On November 19, 2010, the Commission was informed by the Salvation Army that it wished to terminate the project due to economic concerns and all previously disbursed funds were returned to the Commission.

The First District has directed the Commission to reprogram the funds from the Salvation Army project to the TAY Housing Stabilization Project, which is being administered through LAHSA.

On May 27, 2011, LAHSA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the TAY Housing Stabilization Project. Proposers selected under this RFP will be required to provide scattered-site housing, youth development services, and other supportive services to former foster care or probation youth

between the ages of 18 and 21 who are homeless in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. Approximately five proposers will be selected under the RFP. Contracts with providers will be for initial terms of two years. The funding recommended through this Board letter will only be used for projects in the First District. The goal of the Housing Stabilization Project is to initially stabilize youth in housing with intensive supportive services, and then reduce or discontinue services and rental assistance over time as the youth achieve stability and self-sufficiency, with youth ultimately assuming responsibility for the lease of their units. Proposers awarded contracts will be expected to provide, either directly or indirectly, services including: case management, assistance in pursuing post-secondary education, job readiness training and support, public benefits assistance, life skills, mental health support, transportation, and substance abuse services.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is Categorically Excluded from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.35 (b)(2) because it involves supportive services that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will increase the housing options available to former foster youth and probation youth who are homeless and assist them in achieving self-sufficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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